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US, BLACK  
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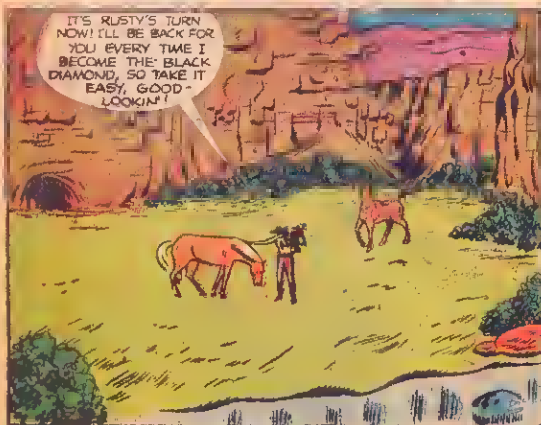
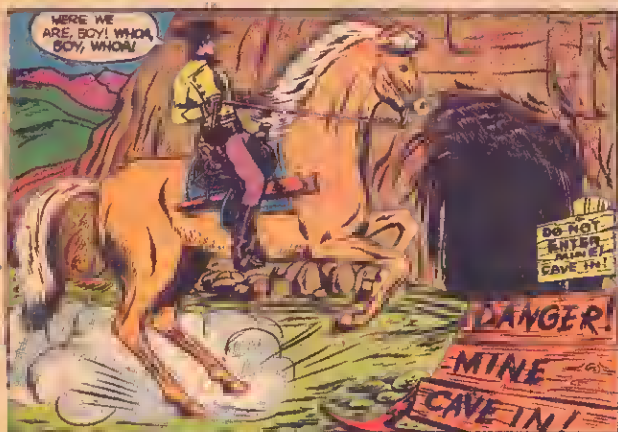
IN THE DAYS OF THE DESPERADOES!

OUT OF THE WEST COMES A NEW CHALLENGE TO THE BLACK DIAMOND—COUNTERFEITING! IN THOSE BYGONE DAYS, BEFORE THE ADVENT OF MODERN MINTS AND BANKS, COUNTERFEITING THREATENED THE VERY SECURITY AND STABILITY OF THE NEW TERRITORIES! RIDE WITH THE BLACK DIAMOND AS HE JOINS FORCES WITH THE GOVERNMENT SECRET SERVICE TO STAMP OUT THIS THREAT TO THE NEW FRONTIER!

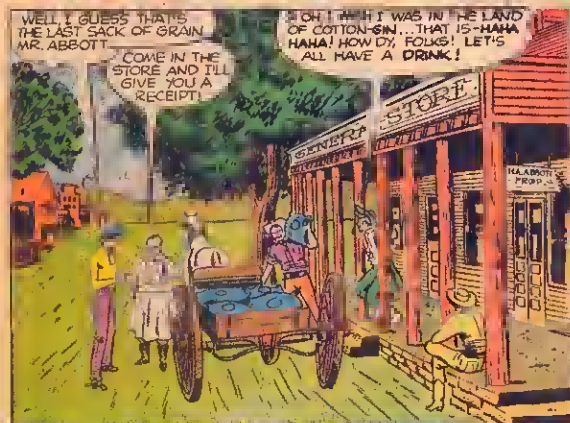
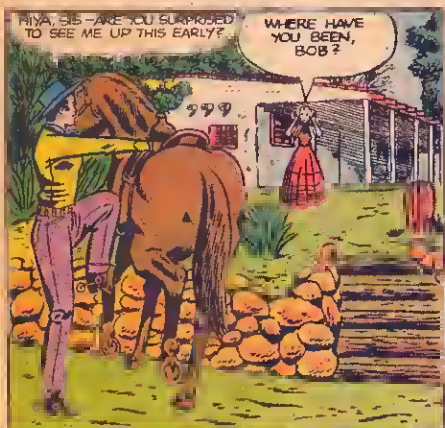
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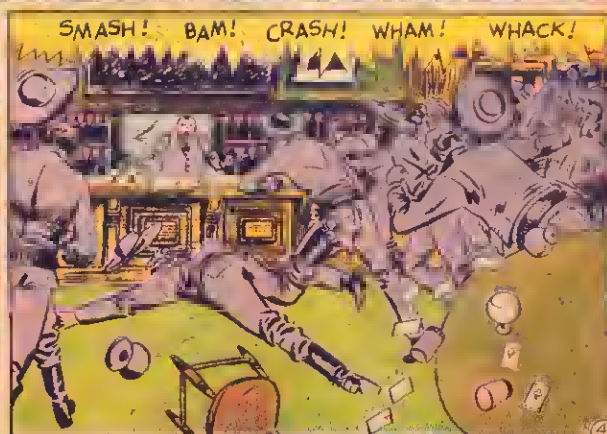
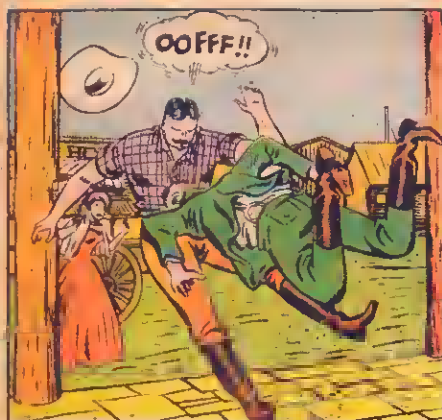
GET READY  
TO JUMP, BUMPER!  
I'M GOING TO DRIVE  
THE COACH INTO  
THE DITCH!

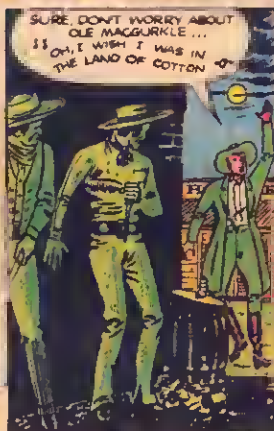






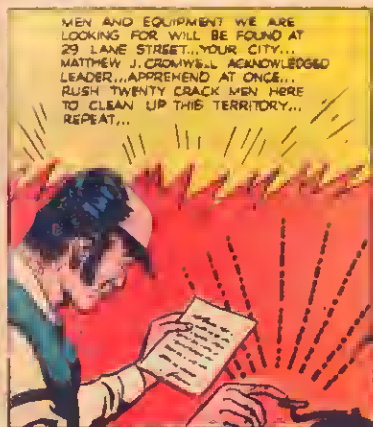
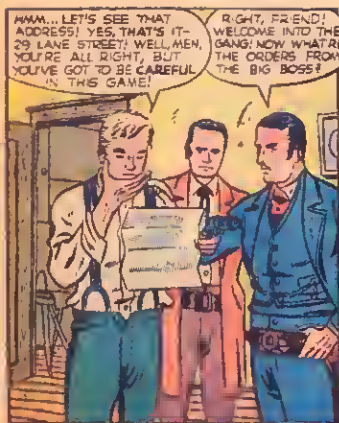




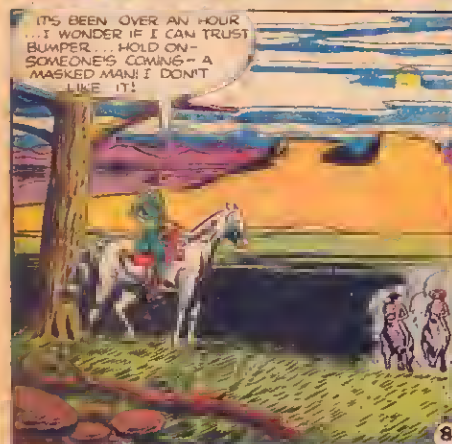
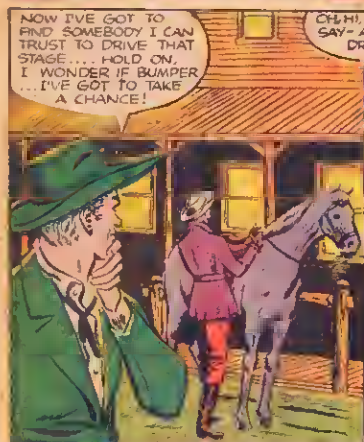
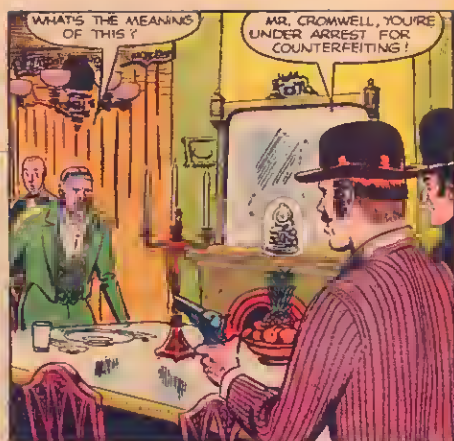
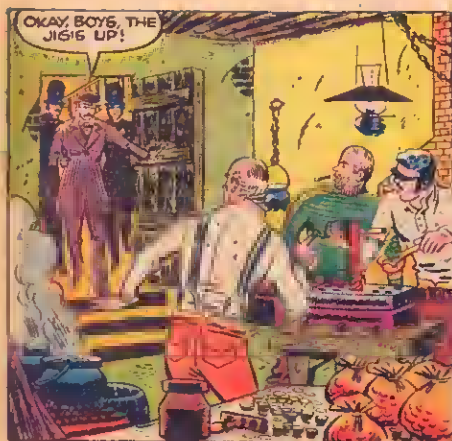


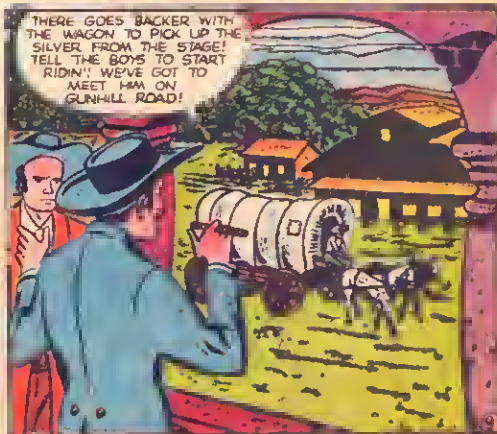
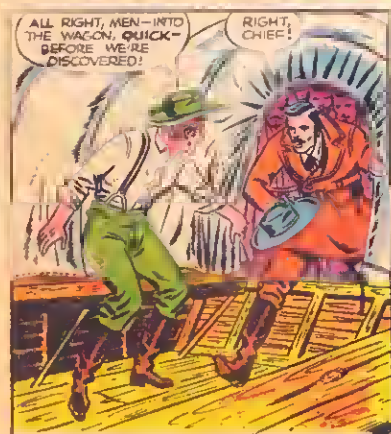
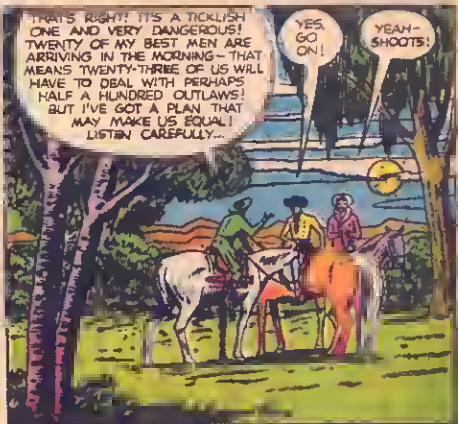
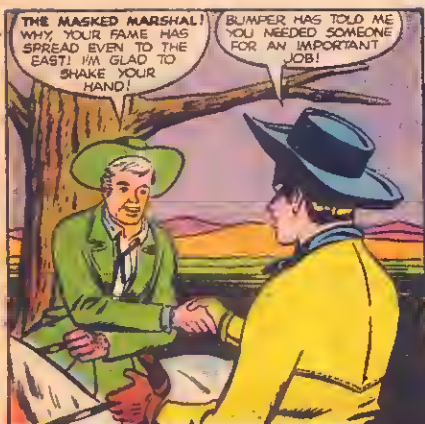




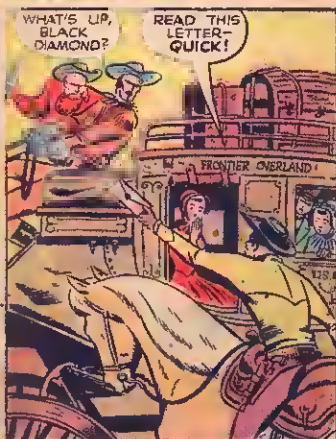
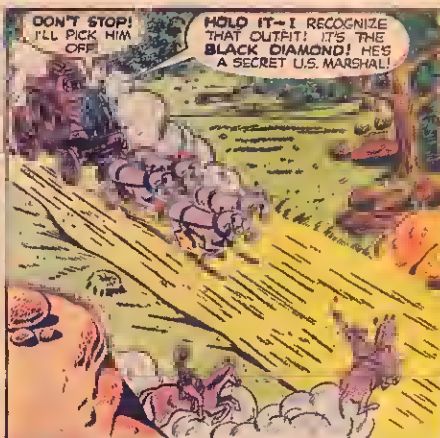


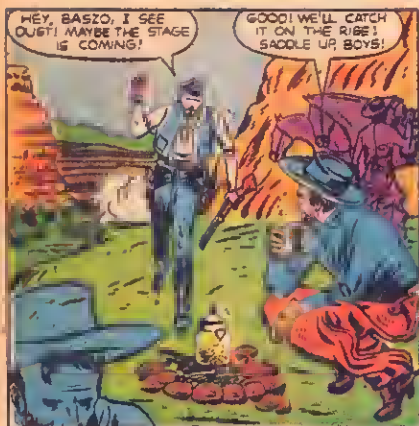






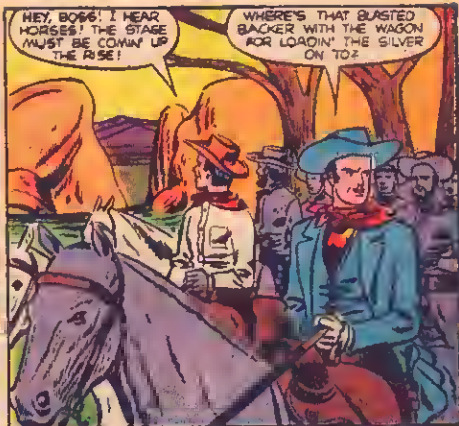






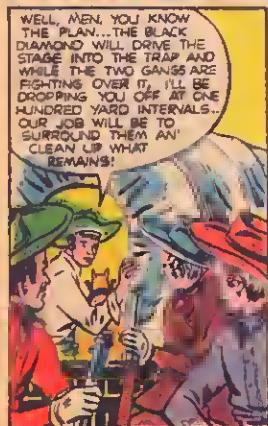
HEY, BASZO, I SEE  
DUST! MAYBE THE STAGE  
IS COMING!

GOOD! WE'LL CATCH  
IT ON THE RISE!  
SADDLE UP, BOYS!

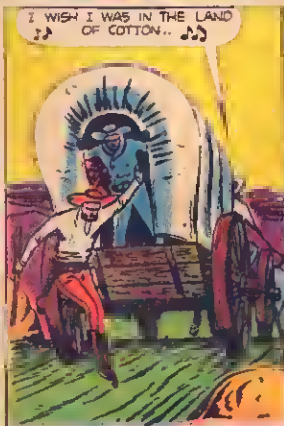


HEY, BOSS! I HEAR  
HORSES! THE STAGE  
MUST BE COMIN' UP  
THE RISE!

WHERE'S THAT BLASTED  
BACKER WITH THE WAGON  
FOR LOADIN' THE SILVER  
ON TO?



WELL, MEN, YOU KNOW  
THE PLAN...THE BLACK  
DIAMOND WILL DRIVE THE  
STAGE INTO THE TRAP AND  
WHILE THE TWO GANGS ARE  
FIGHTING OVER IT, I'LL BE  
DROPPING YOU OFF AT ONE  
HUNDRED YARD INTERVALS...  
OUR JOB WILL BE TO  
SURROUND THEM AND  
CLEAN UP WHAT  
REMAINS!



I WISH I WAS IN THE LAND  
OF COTTON... ♪♪



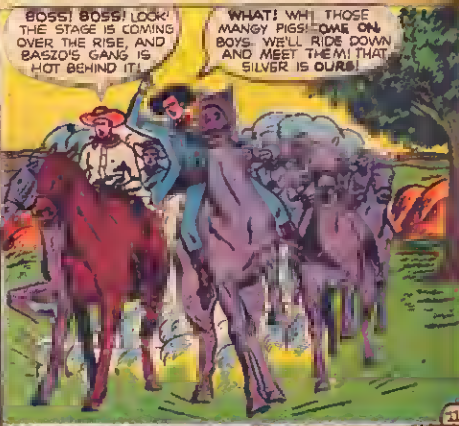
HERE COMES THE  
STAGE,  
BASZO!

LET'S  
RISE!



BASZO'S GANG  
IS RIGHT BEHIND  
US, DIAMOND!

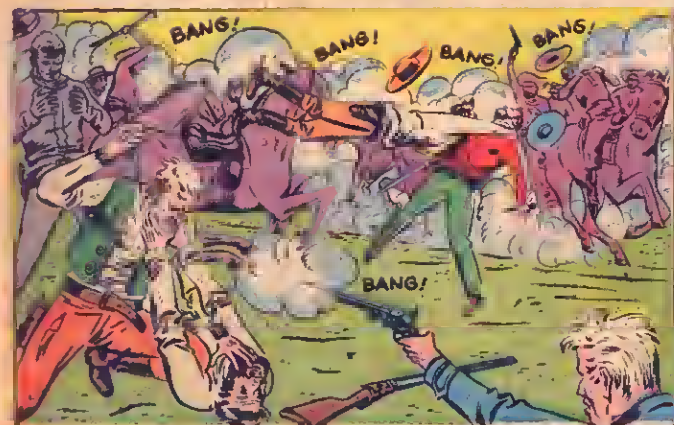
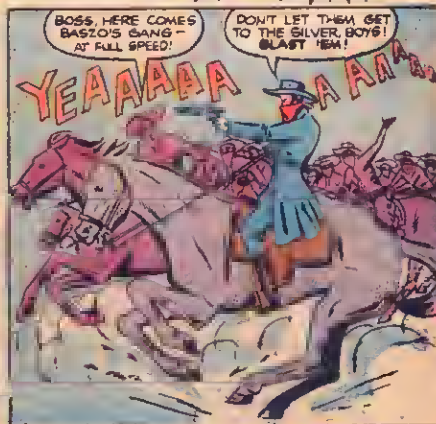
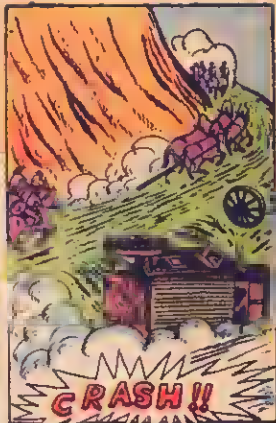
GOOD! NOW IF WE CAN  
JUST LAST UNTIL WE MEET  
THE COUNTERFEIT GANG  
COMING THE OTHER  
WAY!

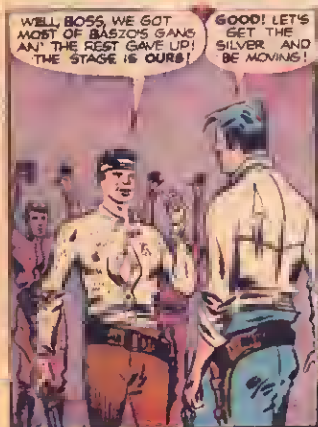
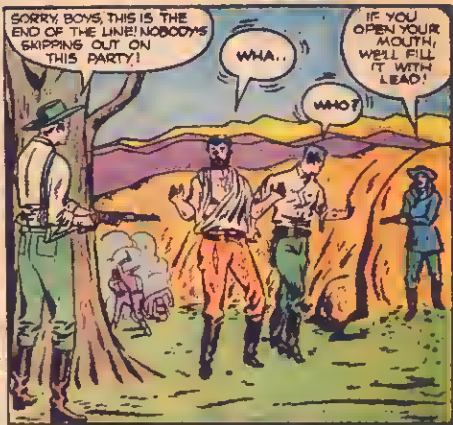


BOSS! BOSS! LOOK!  
THE STAGE IS COMING  
OVER THE RISE, AND  
BASZO'S GANG IS  
HOT BEHIND IT!

WHAT! WHY THOSE  
MANGY PIGS! COME ON,  
BOYS! WE'LL RIDE DOWN  
AND MEET 'EM! THAT  
SILVER IS OURS!











WHAT'S THE MATTER, YOUNG FELLER, CAN'T YOU READ? IT'S A LETTER FROM THE U.S. GOVERNMENT - SIGNED BY THE PRESIDENT!



WHERE YOU FELLERS BEEN? IT'S COMMANDING THE BLACK DIAMOND FOR HELP IN TO BREAK UP THE TWO WORST GANGS IN THE TERRITORY - YES, SIR!

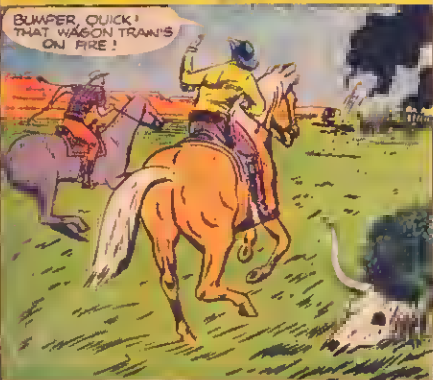


YOU AIN'T VERY SMART ARE YOU SON? NOBODY KNOWS WHO HE IS! WHY, SHUCKS, IF THEY DID EVERY BADMAN FROM HERE TO THE BORDER WOULD BE OUT TO KILL HIM ON SIGHT!



THE END

## DON'T MISS NEXT MONTH...



INJUNS, SON MORE'N I COULD COUL... THUNDERCLOUDS ON THE LOOSE!!

RIDE WITH BOB VALE AS THE BLACK DIAMOND IN THE BUFFALO WAR!

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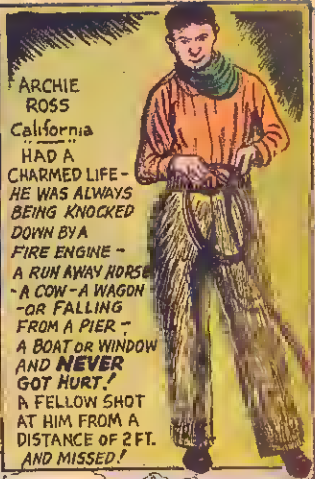


CLANG  
CLANG

A  
PEEPING  
TOM  
CAUGHT IN UTAH  
WAS COMPELLED  
TO WEAR A COW BELL  
AROUND HIS NECK—  
SO THAT HE COULD  
NOT SNEAK AROUND  
PEEKING INTO WINDOWS  
WITHOUT BEING HEARD!



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POSTER THAT HE WOULD ADD  
\$1,000 MORE TO THE REWARD TO  
GIVE TO ANYONE WHO COULD  
CAPTURE HIM!!  
P.S. SOMEONE DID BUT HE  
DIDN'T PAY OFF!



ARCHIE  
ROSS  
California  
HAD A  
CHARMED LIFE—  
HE WAS ALWAYS  
BEING KNOCKED  
DOWN BY A  
FIRE ENGINE—  
A RUN AWAY HORSE—  
A COW—A WAGON  
—OR FALLING  
FROM A PIER—  
A BOAT OR WINDOW  
AND NEVER  
GOT HURT!  
A FELLOW SHOT  
AT HIM FROM A  
DISTANCE OF 2 FT.  
AND MISSED!



"LARK" SMITH LIVED IN THE MIDDLE OF DEATH VALLEY IN A ONE ROOM SHACK!  
HE HAD A SIGN IN FRONT OF IT WHICH READ: "FRESH FISH  
AND OYSTERS FOR SALE" THE NEAREST BODY OF WATER WAS 200 MILES  
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THE SHACK...

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City..... Zone..... State.....

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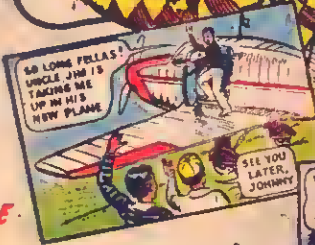
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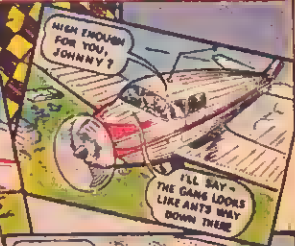
JUST FILL IN  
COUPON AND  
MAIL IT  
TODAY



GEE! JOHNNY,  
HOW CAN I  
GET ONE?



SO LONG FELLAS!  
UNCLE JIM IS  
TAKING ME  
UP IN HIS  
NEW PLANE



HIGH ENOUGH  
FOR YOU,  
JOHNNY?

I'LL SAY -  
THE GANG LOOKS  
LIKE ANTS WAY  
DOWN THERE



WHAT'S THE  
MATTER,  
UNCLE  
JIM?



IT'S A GOOD  
THING I COULD MOVE  
UNCLE JIM--NOW IF  
I CAN ONLY LAND O.K.



WHO GOT THE  
PLANE DOWN  
AFTER I FAINTED--  
HOW DID WE  
LAND?

YOU'RE A HERO,  
JOHNNY, LANDING  
THAT PLANE ALL  
BY YOURSELF!

IT WAS EASY!  
I LEARNED TO  
FLY WITH MY  
U-FLY-IT  
IT'S SUPER!

**A  
TRUE  
WILD WEST  
STORY**

**"BOWIE" BEN  
MARSH and "CRAZY" JAKE  
DUDLEY**

*TWO TREACHEROUS CRITTERS WHOSE OWN  
DECEIT BROUGHT ABOUT THEIR DEFEAT!*

BACK IN 1870, A HOST OF HARDENED KILLERS  
ROAMED THE PRAIRIE STATES AND PLAGUED THE  
WEST WORSE THAN ANY CLOUD OF DESTROYING  
LOCUSTS, BUT THE LAWS OF MAN REPLACED THE  
LAW OF THE GUN, AND THE OUTLAWS SOON  
SLEPT IN THEIR BOOTHILL CEMETERIES! HOW-  
EVER, THE OUTRAGES OF MOST BADMEN WERE  
PALED BY COMPARISON WITH THE EXPLOITS OF  
TWO CULPRITS FROM BOLTON, MONTANA...

IT'S "BOWIE" BEN  
MARSH AND HIS PAL,  
JAKE DUDLEY! WE'VE  
GOT 'EM CORNERED IN  
THE ROCKS... (ULP)...  
LOOK OUT FOR THAT  
BOWIE KNIFE!

THINK WE  
CAN HOLD 'EM  
OFF, BEN?

SURE,  
JAKE! AS  
LONG AS YOUR  
ARROWS AND MY  
KNIVES HOLD  
OUT!



IT WAS ON AN AFTERNOON IN 1854 WHEN "BOWIE"  
BEN MARSH AND "CRAZY" JAKE DUDLEY MET, AND THE  
MEETING WAS AS STRANGE AS THE MEN THEMSELVES!

OKAY,  
MISTER!  
REACH!

WHY, YOU  
SNEAKIN' WEASEL-  
I'LL RUN THIS  
KNIFE DOWN YER  
THROAT!

HEH, HEH!  
HE HAWW!  
HE HAWW!





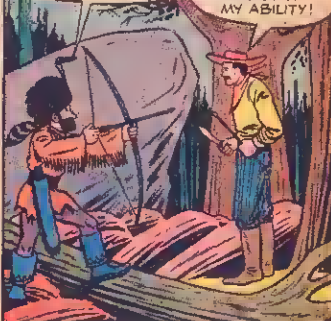
LOOK, FRIEND... I COULD HAVE PUT THAT ARROW IN YOUR HEART EASILY... AND THAT'S WHERE THIS ONE IS GOING, UNLESS YOU EXPLAIN WHY YA BEEN TRAILIN' ME!

HUM? I DIDN'T KNOW FOR SURE WHO WAS TRAILIN' WHO!

RECKON I WAS FIGURIN' ON RELIEVIN' YOU OF ANYTHING YA MIGHT HAVE WORTH TAKIN'! BUT I ADMIRE A MAN WITH TALENT-- THERE'S NO REASON WHY WE CAN'T WORK TOGETHER, IS THERE?

IF YOU PUT AWAY THAT KNIFE, MAYBE WE CAN DO SOME TALKIN'- BUT REMEMBER-I CAN DRAW AND SHOOT QUICKER'N YOU CAN LIFT YOUR ARM!

AT THE MOMENT YOU HAVE THE ADVANTAGE- BUT DON'T UNDERESTIMATE MY ABILITY!



SO THAT WAS HOW THEY MET AND JOINED IN A STARTLING PARTNER-SHIP THAT PUT FEAR IN THE HEARTS OF HONEST MEN AND HARDENED KILLERS ALIKE! IT WAS A WEIRD FRIENDSHIP BUILT ON MUTUAL DISTRUST..

TAKE TH' ONE ON THE FAR SIDE AS THEY PASS, BEN-- AND MAKE SURE YA DON'T MISS!

HAVE I MISSED YET, YOU COYOTE? JUST TEND YOUR END AND I'LL TAKE CARE OF MINE!



LET 'EM HAVE IT, BEN!

HERE GOES!

BOY! WHAT A HAUL THIS IS! IT'S OUR BEST YET!

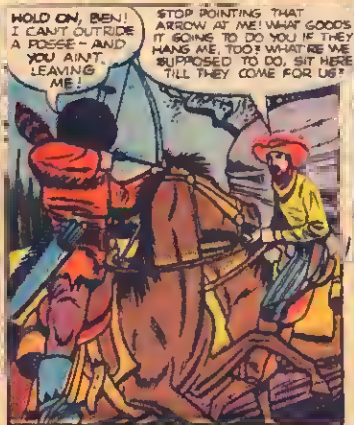
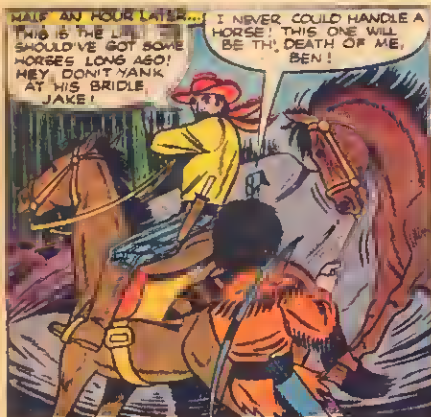
DON'T TALK SO MUCH AND TOSS THAT STUFF ON THE GROUND SO I CAN SEE WHAT YOU'RE GETTIN', JAKE!

YOU'LL GET YOUR FAIR SHARE, BEN! I'M NOT A BIGGER CROOK THAN YOU! NOW WHAT ABOUT THE HORSES? WE CAN SURE USE 'EM!

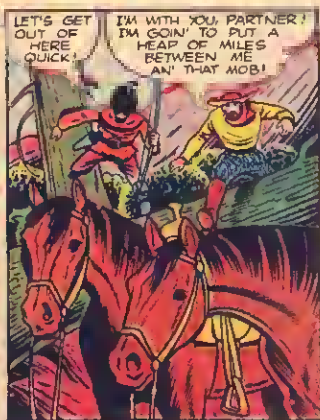
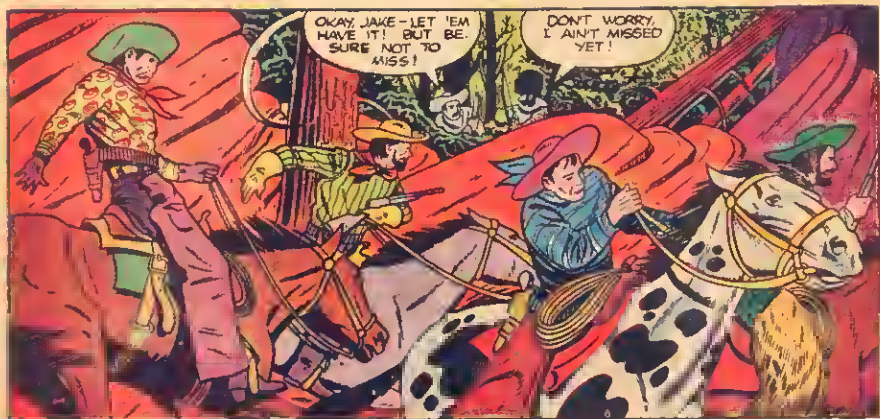
SOMEBODY'S LIABE TO RECOGNIZE 'EM... IT'D BE LIKE WRITIN' AN INVITATION TO OUR OWN HANGING PARTY!

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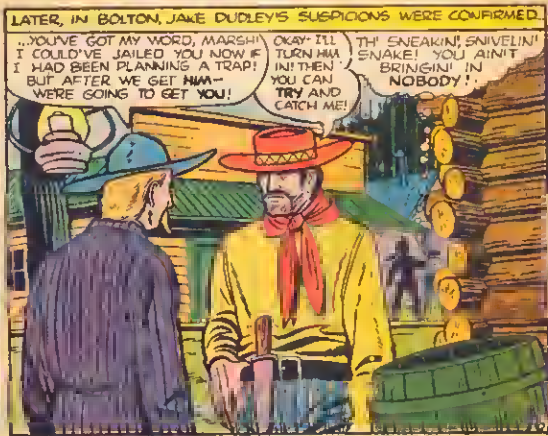
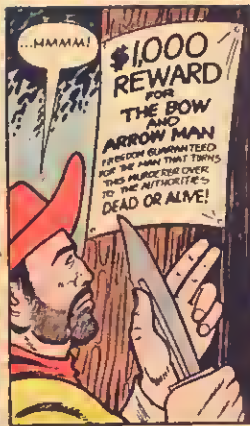
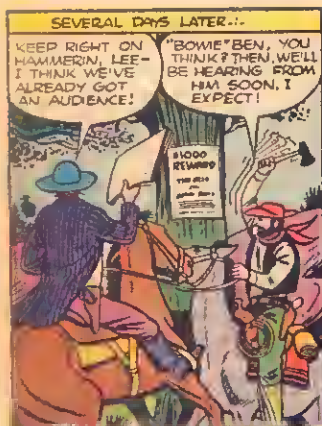


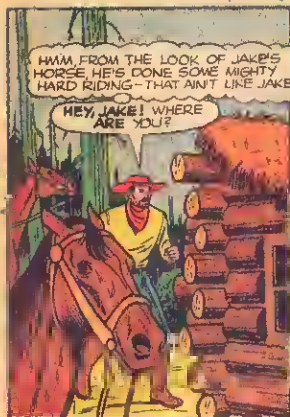




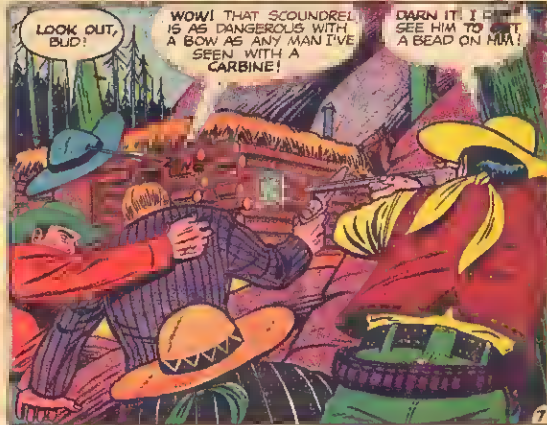
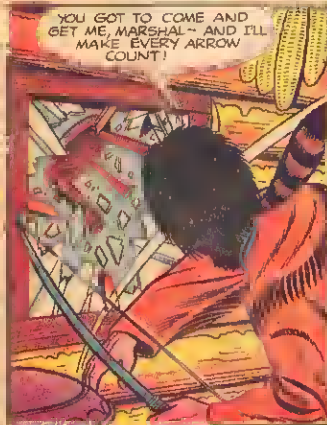




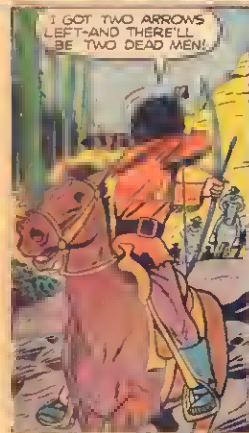
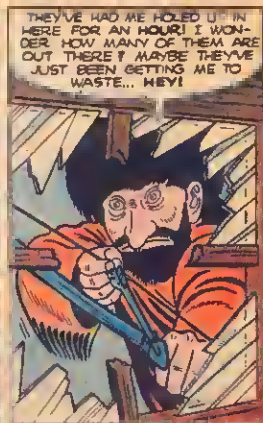




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# STAMP PAGE

by Sidney M. Elias

## Money On Stamps

THE monetary units as shown on the stamps of most of the Latin-American countries have odd sounding names and in many cases are confusing to stamp collectors. These countries while under Spanish domination, all used the Peso as their chief currency, however, when many of them secured their independence they also changed the name of their monetary unit.

The countries of Chile, Colombia, Argentine, Mexico, Uruguay, Paraguay, Cuba and the Dominican Republic, still use the Peso as their currency.

In Panama, the monetary unit is the Balboa, which has been adopted in 1906 in honor of Vasco de Balboa, the Spanish explorer who crossed the Isthmus and discovered the Pacific Ocean. On the stamps of Panama the values read "Un centesimo de Balboa" which means one cent of a Balboa.

Salvador and Costa Rica both use the Colon as their money which in Spanish means Columbus. Naturally, this currency was named after Christopher Columbus (Cristobal Colon) the discoverer of America.

Guatemala calls its monetary unit the Quetzal, named after a rare and beautiful bird found in the mountains of Central America. The Quetzal has also been adopted as the national emblem of Guatemala for as it cannot live in captivity, it is considered a sign of freedom and liberty.

In Honduras, the Lempira is the currency and it is named after an Indian. The 20-centavo stamp of the 1927 issue shows a picture of Lempira, however, it was not until 1933 that the peso was changed to the Lempira.

In Venezuela, the 'Bolivar' and in Bolivia, the 'Boliviano' are both named after Simon Bolivar, the liberator of most of South America. While in Ecuador, the Sucre has been named after General Sucre who under Simon Bolivar helped to secure Ecuador's freedom.

Paru calls its currency the Sol which in Spanish means the sun.

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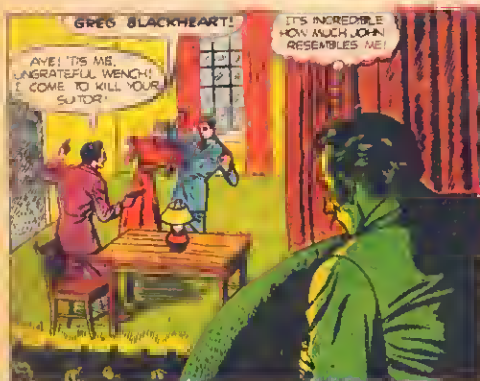
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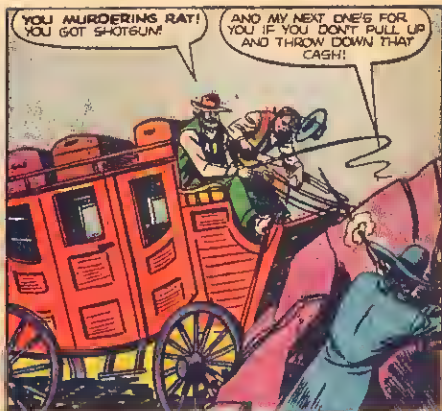
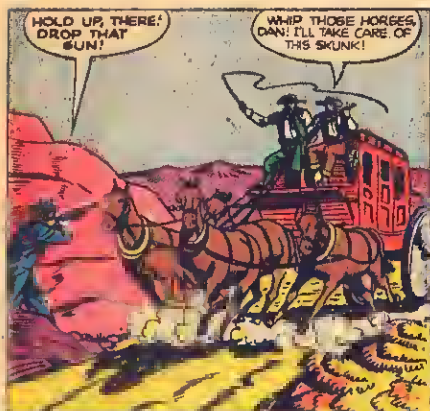
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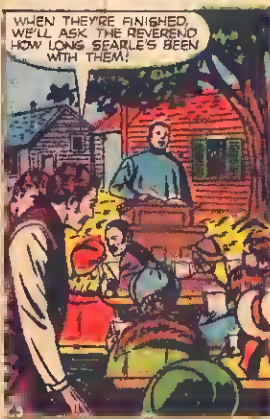






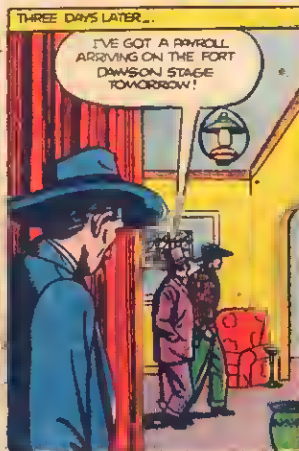
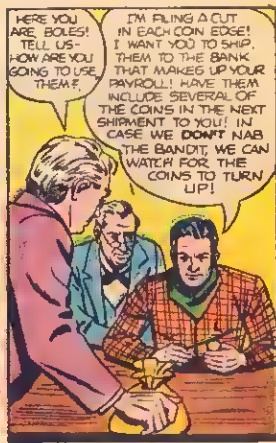


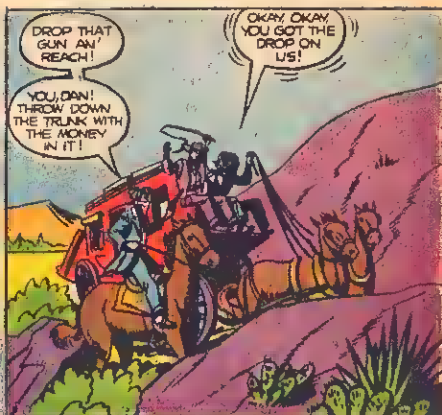




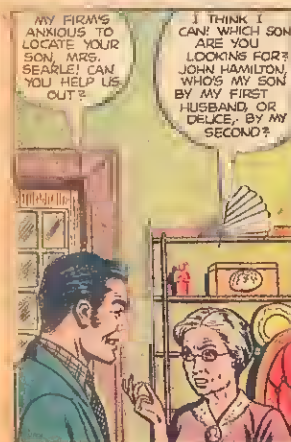
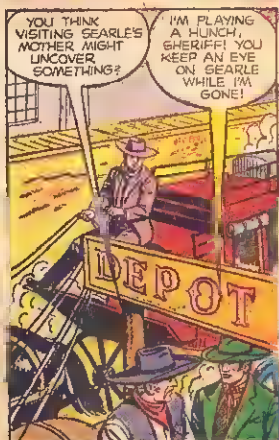


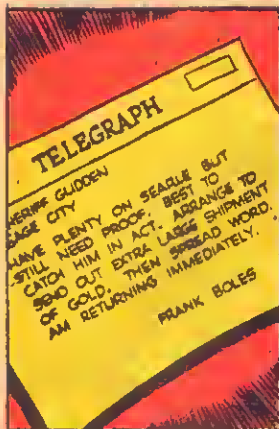














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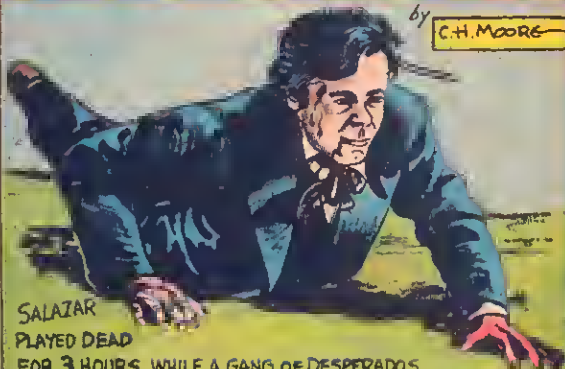
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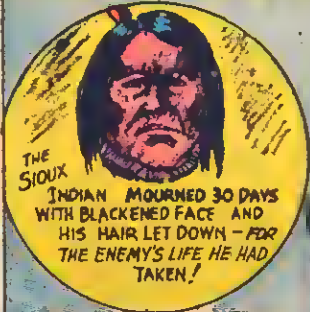
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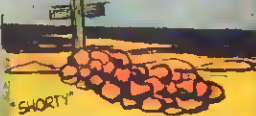
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# FLOYD BEATON

A gentleman at all times who tipped his hat to ladies and never carried a gun. But when it came to capturing the notorious Cooper brothers, he proved that wits are sometimes handier than bullets.

**I**T WASN'T healthy for a man to pin a gold badge on his chest and call himself Sheriff in Farrow, Arizona, back in 1880. Six fearless, gun-toting lawmen had met untimely deaths in as many weeks at the hands of the three Cooper brothers, when the new Sheriff, Floyd Beaton, rode into town.

Some said they might as well start digging another grave on the windswept hill where Farrow's six former officers of the law were buried. For the Coopers, Matt, Dan and Bill, were the fastest trigger-men in the county. They had robbed, murdered and plundered at will and so far no sheriff or posse had been able to stop them.

One of the main reasons the Coopers were able to defy law and order was their hide-out. It was common knowledge that after a robbery or killing, the Coopers holed up in an old shack in the hills. But this shack was so situated that it was impossible for a posse to shoot it out with them. It was surrounded on three sides by solid mountain rock. There was only one approach to it, a narrow trail which led straight to the front door. From here the Coopers could pick off any posse, one by one, from within their well-guarded bastion. And it was sheer suicide for a man to try to tackle the brothers single-handed.

It was not surprising then, that when the townspeople got a look at the man who had been sent to capture the brothers, they snickered and made open bets in the Farrow City Saloon that he wouldn't last a week. For Floyd Beaton was the unlikeliest looking Sheriff they had ever seen. He was short and of slim build. When he spoke, it was in a gentle, quiet tone. His manner was always that of a gentleman. Above all, he did not carry a gun.

No one had a good word for the new Sheriff except the youngsters, whom he made friends with immediately. If you couldn't find Floyd in the Sheriff's office, you'd find him sitting in front of the general store, with a group of boys about him. He'd be telling them yarns or whittling

them wooden replicas of his own golden badge. Some mothers even got in the habit of having Floyd mind their children for them while they went shopping. Obviously, this was no way for a Sheriff to act, and the town felt justified in thinking Floyd would not be with them for very long.

For seven days following Beaton's appointment, the Cooper brothers had kept well hidden. Folks figured that they were as puzzled by the new Sheriff's strange actions as the rest of the town. They were, probably just sitting up in that impenetrable hide-out waiting for Beaton to take some action. As for Floyd, he just went on day by day tipping his hat politely to the ladies and teaching the kids new games.

In vain, the citizens of Farrow tried to persuade him to carry a gun. Finally, Big Jim Donovan, owner of the saloon, asked Floyd the question that had been bothering the whole town.

"How do you expect to catch the Cooper brothers without a gun?" Big Jim queried.

Beaton was busy whittling a toy for one of the youngsters. He didn't look up as he quietly asked, "Your other six Sheriffs carried guns, didn't they?"

"Guns?" roared Big Jim, "Why they wouldn't walk to the corner without two six-shooters in their hands!"

Floyd gestured with his knife toward the hill where Farrow's former officers were buried.

"Reckon it didn't do them much good," he said.

Big Jim took off his hat and scratched his head in bewilderment.

"I never knew a Sheriff who didn't have any use for guns," he said, "it don't make sense."

Beaton continued carving the toy with unconcern.

"Don't worry about me," he said pleasantly. "I know what I'm doing. I'll get the Coopers, but I'll have to do it in my own way."

He put down his whittling knife and the perfect little wooden horse he had carved.



"I reckon they're sitting up on the mountain planning some sort of mischief right now."

Beaton was right. On the night of July 3, 1880, the Coopers broke their week-long silence. Most of Farrow's menfolk were off in nearby Junction City for a cattle-meet when the brothers came riding into town to rob the Farrow City Bank. Floyd happened to be in Farrow, instead of at the cattle-meet, because he stayed to help the kids make fire-crackers for the next day's celebration.

Those who were left in Farrow never forgot the way the Coopers descended from the mountains upon the unguarded town. They came riding into the city, six-shooters blazing in every direction, not caring who got in the path of their gun-fire. They rode their horses right up the steps of the Farrow City bank, shot kindly old Jim Jones, the watchman, and made off with the safe's contents.

Jim Jones died in Floyd's arms, but not before he had heard Beaton swear to bring the Coopers to justice that very night.

Some of the folks tried to persuade Floyd to wait until the menfolk got back into town before going after the Coopers. But he just shook his head, swung onto his big grey mare, and rode off toward the Cooper hide-out.

Big Jim Donovan called after him.

"Floyd, you fool! You're riding to a sure death. At least take my gun!"

Beaton turned around in his saddle and the last words he spoke before he disappeared around a bend in the road were,

"You know I ain't got no use for guns."

An hour later, the boys riding back from the cattle-meet at Junction City got the surprise of their lives.

At the base of the trail which led to the Coopers' hide-out, they came upon Sheriff Floyd Beaton, riding his big grey mare. Behind him were three straggling figures. Their hands were tied behind their backs and a lead rope attached them to Beaton's saddle.

While the men gaped, Floyd smiled pleasantly.

"Lo, boys," he said, "thought it was about time I brought in these Coopers that have been bothering you. I guess you haven't heard they robbed the bank while you were gone."

"Well, if that don't beat all," one of the men exclaimed, "Beaton's captured the Cooper boys single-handed!"

Matt Cooper spat out of the side of his mouth. "Single-handed?" he said derisively. "No man in this county could of brought us in alone! He's trying to get the glory for himself when all the time he had fifty or sixty men with him!"

"Yeah," Bill Cooper spoke up. "He had us surrounded! Maybe you got us Coopers, but it took a whole army to do it!"

One of the Farrow boys spoke then.

"A whole gang?" he said. "Why, that's impossible! We were all over in Junction City at the cattle-meet. Beaton, I'm puzzled. How did you do it?"

"Why, shucks," Beaton answered in his usual gentle manner. "I just borrowed a few dozen fire-crackers from the kids and set them off around the Cooper's cabin. When they heard all the noise and gun-fire, I guess they thought a posse had them outnumbered and cornered. They just walked right out, yelping for mercy, and surrendered." Then he turned and surveyed the Coopers with a level look. "If you were good American citizens," he said, "you'd know tomorrow is the fourth of July."

The next day Floyd Beaton was the most lauded man in Farrow City. The kids crowded around to congratulate him and the women beamed at him with pride.

Big Jim Donovan walked over to Floyd, and asked,

"You mean to tell me you captured those Coopers without the use of a gun?"

Floyd grinned. "Sure," he said, "when they came walking out of the house hollering for mercy, they still thought they were surrounded by a posse. I just roped them in with my lasso."

"How come you never learned to shoot?" Big Jim persisted.

Floyd motioned for Big Jim to follow him outside, and practically half the town went with them. He grabbed Jim's six-shooter and before you could blink an eye he carved his initials with bullets in a wooden fence-post two hundred yards away.

Big Jim was so surprised he could only stare in amazement.

"I never said I didn't know how to shoot," Floyd said, "I just said I ain't got no use for a gun."

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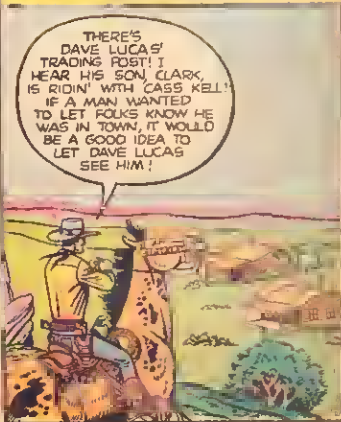
# Sheriff DUSTY CULLENBINE

THE DAKOTA BADLANDS WERE AN UNHEALTHY PLACE FOR LAW-ABIDING CITIZENS—UNTIL HE CAME ALONG!

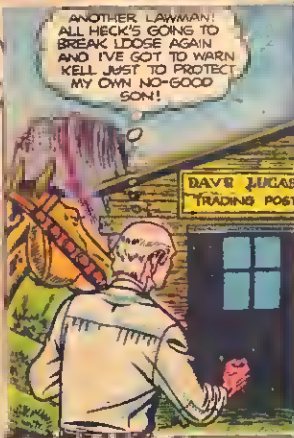
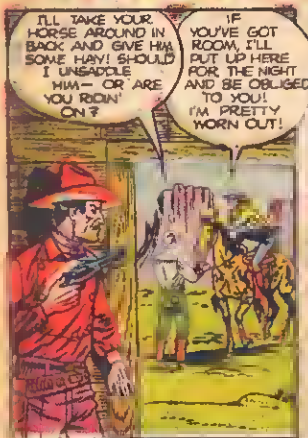
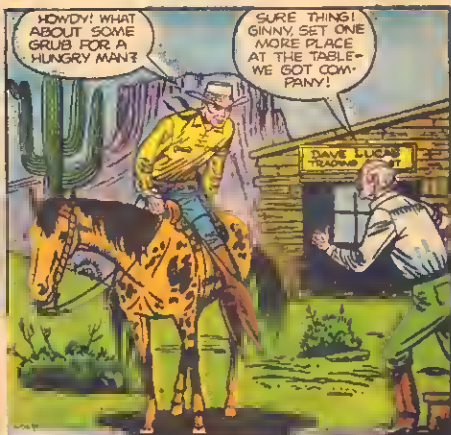
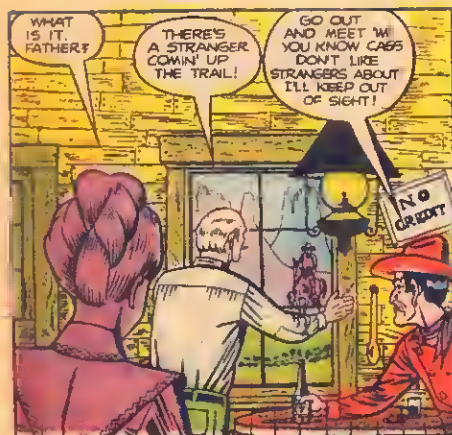


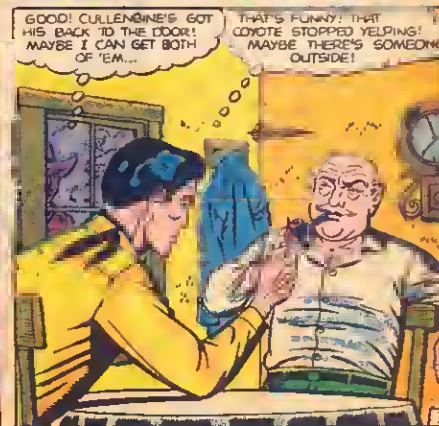
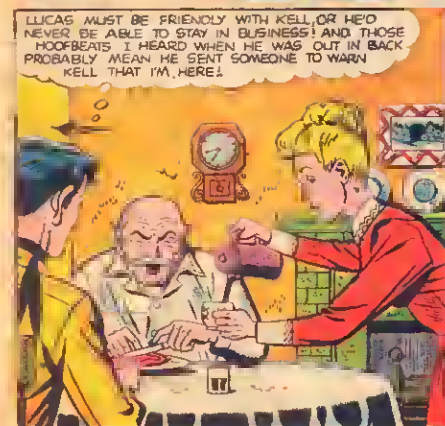
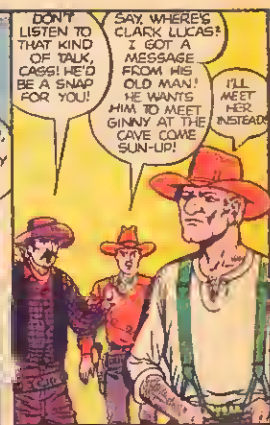
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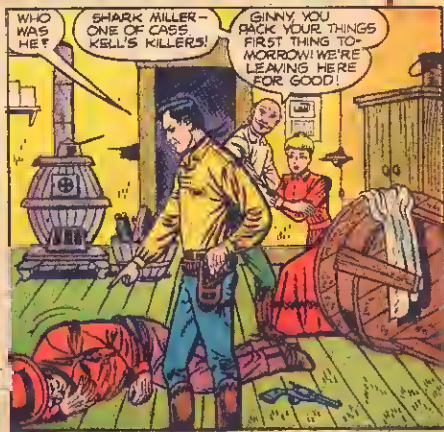
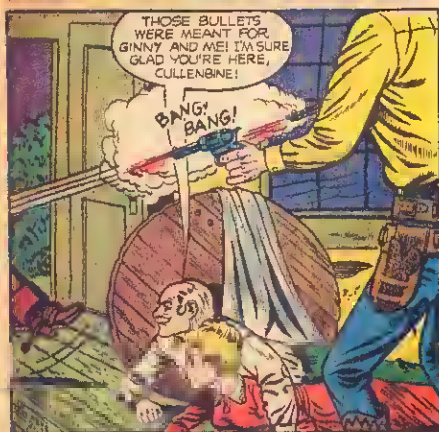
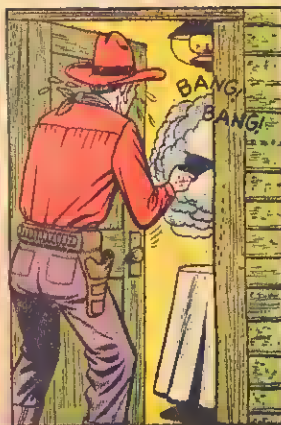
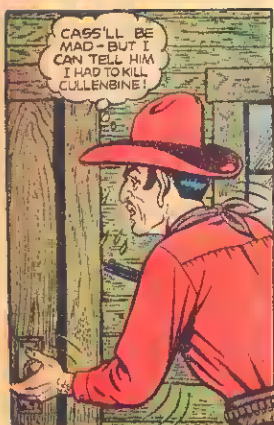


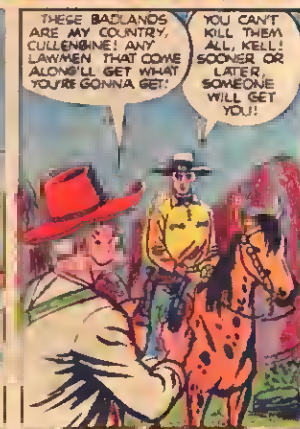
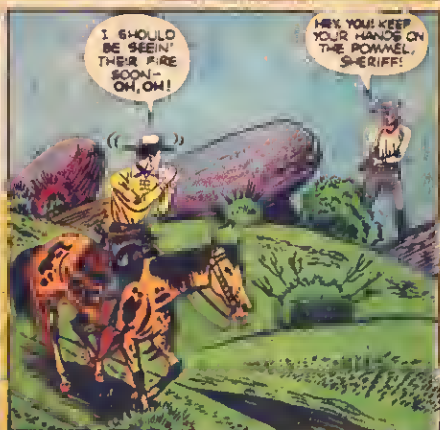
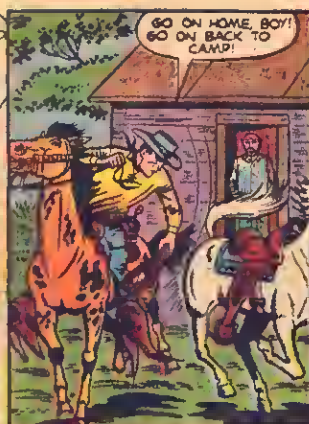
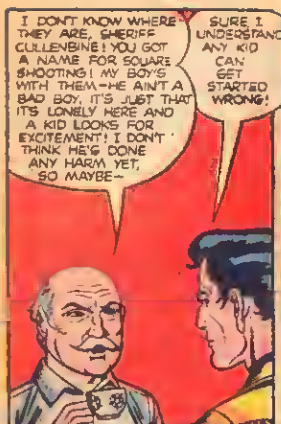




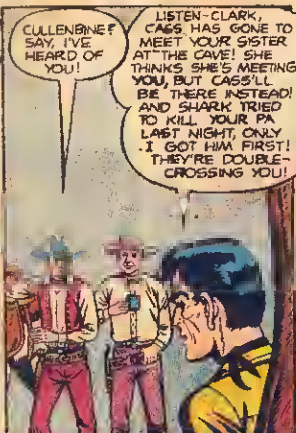
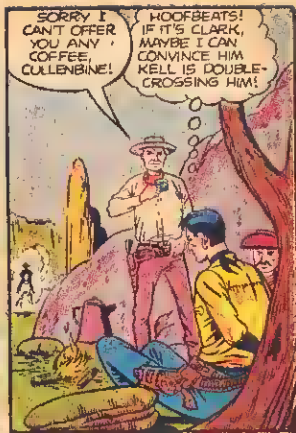


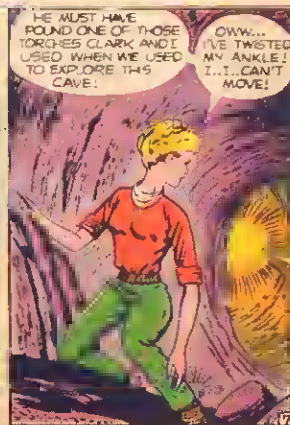




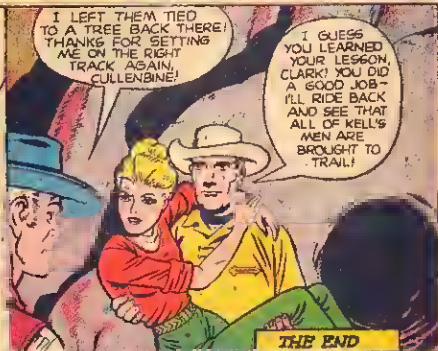
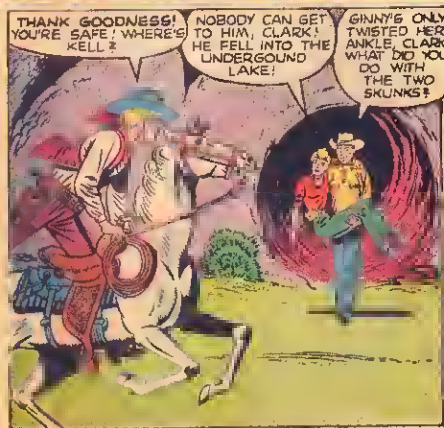












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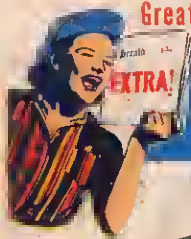
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